

RESTRICTS SHORE FISHING.

Important Measure Now Before Maine Legislature.

In the Maine state senate the following bill has been received from the committee on shore fisheries and laid on the table to be printed under joint rules.

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to fish for or take, except with trawls or ordinary hooks and lines, any cod or other ground fish from the waters subject to the jurisdiction of this state, between a line running north through the westernmost part of Seguin Island, and a similar line through the easternmost part of Damariscove Island.

Section 2. Any person who fishes for or takes fish contrary to the provisions of this act shall be punished for each offence by a fine of not less than two hundred or more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment not less than three or more than twelve months, and shall further forfeit five dollars for each fish so taken.

Section 3. Section fifty-nine, sixty and sixty-one of chapter forty-one of the Revised Statutes shall apply to all offenses under this act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect when approved.

"The Lobster Trust."

The "lobster trust" has been formed—on paper—so regularly at intervals of two years, since 1898, that the lobster dealers are mystified by its reappearance now. Do the promoters go into the business simply for the practice? If such a combination were ever engineered, what could possibly shut out any number of independents from starting in?—Boston Record.

Saw the Salt Bankers.

Sch. Squanto of Duxbury, Capt. Daniel McDonald of this city, arrived at Boston yesterday from the Gully with a fine fare, 35,000 pounds of halibut. Capt. McDonald reports sighting the salt bankers on the Peak but did not speak them.

Big Stock.

Sch. Squanto of Duxbury, Capt. Daniel McDonald of this city, stocked \$3180 on her recent halibut trip. She has yet on board some salt cod to bring down here to market. Capt. McDonald is making a big record for quick and good trips this winter, which puts one in mind of the way he used to bring them in only a few years ago.

Good Trip.

Sch. Dictator, Capt. Horace Wilde, arrived yesterday from Georges with a fine fare, 90,000 pounds of fresh fish. Capt. Wilde is starting in well in his new command and keeping up his good record.

Halibut Sales.

The fares of sch. Tacoma sold to the New England Fish Co., and that of sch. Eglantine to the American Halibut Co., each at 12 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Emily Cooney, via Boston.
Sch. Marguerite, shore, 2800 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. William Walker, Provincetown, 500 qtls. cured fish.
Sch. Squanto, via Boston, 2000 lbs. cod,

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ralph Russell, Georges.
Sch. Claudia, haddocking.
Sch. Gladiator, salt fishing.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$5.00 per cwt. for large, \$4.00 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.25 for large, \$3.25 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$4.00 for large, \$3.50 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.50; medium cod, \$2.00; all cod caught to the eastward of La Have bank, \$2.25, medium \$1.75; cusk, \$1.75; Eastern haddock, \$1.25; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 70c; snapper codfish, 60 cts.; snapper cusk, 60 cts.

Outside sales salt Georges cod, \$5.50 per cwt. for large and \$5.00 for mediums.

Outside sales fresh hake, \$1.00.

Outside sales fresh haddock to split, \$1.35.

Bank halibut, 12 cts. per pound for white and 10 cts. for gray.

Boston.

Sch. Muriel, 30,000 haddock, 22,000 cod.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Marshall L. Adams, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Sea Fox, 16,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Massasoit, 2500 haddock, 7000 cod.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 5000 haddock.

Sch. Flavilla, 2000 haddock, 3000 hake, 1000 cusk, 700 pollock.

Sch. Ida F. Silva, 15,000 haddock, 500 cod
Sch. Motor, 4500 cod.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3; large cod, \$3.50 to \$4; market cod, \$2 to \$2.25; hake, \$2.50 to \$4; pollock, \$3.50; cusk, \$2.25.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Alice R. Lawson, A. E. Whyland and Elector were at Halifax on Monday for bait.

Here To Fit Out.

Capt. Campbell Peart is at this port to fit out sch. S. F. Maker for southern seining
Capt. Christopher Carrigan is here to fit sch. Lottie G. Merchant for southern seining.

Change of Skippers.

Capt. Alex. Gnyetch will command sch. Estelle S. Nunan in shore trawling.

Good Stocks.

Sch. Eglantine, Capt. Oscar Benson, stocked \$2,550 on her recent Georges halibuting trip, the crew sharing \$68.75 clear.

Sch. Selma, Capt. Felix Hogan of Boston, stocked \$2,100 on her haddock trip, landed yesterday.

LOBSTER TRUST FORMED.

Large Portland Wholesalers Go Into Combine.

Reported That Armour's Are Back of New Enterprise.

The Portland Lobster Company, J. W. Trefethen Company, J. N. Trefethen Company and F. S. Willard, all big Portland wholesale lobster dealers, controlling half the lobster output of the United States, have been persuaded by James W. Leslie, agent for a proposed lobster trust, to enter the combine. This means that the lobster trust is a certainty.

Leslie started to canvas the lobster dealers of New England some weeks ago, and starting in Boston, where he signed all the big dealers, he worked his way along the coast. He obtained the signature of practically every big lobster dealer in Maine. Although Leslie has as yet persistently refused to disclose the backers of the trust, it is the general impression that the Armour's, of Chicago, are the ones concerned.

Having finished his work on this side of the line, Leslie leaves for Nova Scotia tomorrow to enlist the Canadian dealers.

Leslie says the price of lobsters will not be raised by the trust, but in direct contradiction the Portland dealers say it will. One Portland wholesaler said: "Lobsters are a luxury; not a necessity. The rich epicure only will be affected by the price; the poor man doesn't have lobsters."

The lobster fishermen are the ones most likely to suffer, if the trust runs its own steamers and sets its own traps.

The output of lobsters will undoubtedly be increased rather than diminished by the trust, which is expected to keep the coast stocked with seed lobsters. The facilities for handling will be much improved, and, barring the dory fishermen, other branches of the lobster trade believe they will be benefited.

FISH FOR ARMY RATIONS.

The success of the Japanese commissariat has been some of our military men to considering the value of fish as a part of the army rations. The Japanese use it in the form of "fish meat," prepared by removing the bones and compressing the remainder before cooking and smoking. The meal keeps indefinitely, and insects do not attack it. It is used for soup, and shaved thin and cooked with rice. Upon rice the Japanese soldier in the field largely depends, with more concentrated and stimulating fare as an auxiliary. It is not unlikely that one result of the present war will be some reconsideration of the ration of the United States army, which is at present generous, but perhaps too heavy to be hygienically ideal.

Sea Turtles.

Twenty-five thousand sea turtles penned in an inlet of the sea near Orlando, Fla., where they breed and are fattened for the New York market, is what two men are getting very busy about just now, and who are planning to ship twenty thousand of these curious creatures to an eastern market, where they are considered a great table delicacy, and will sell at the sum of \$15 each.